Sl.No.	States	No. of RRBs	No. of State Coop. Banks (SCBs)	No. of District Central Coop. Banks (DCCBs)
9	Goa		1	-
10	Gujarat	9	1	18
11	Haryana	4	1	19
12	Himachal Pradesh	2	1	3
13	Jammu & Kashmir	3	1	2
14	Jharkhand	6		8
15	Karnataka	13	1	20
16	Kerala	2	1	14
17	Madhya Pradesh	19	1	38
18	Maharashtra	10	1	32
19	Manipur	1	1	-
20	Meghalaya	1	1	-
21	Mizoram	1	1	-
22	Nagaland	1	1	-
23	Orissa	9	1	17
24	Pondicherry		1	-
25	Punjab	5	1	18
26	Rajasthan	14	1	26
27	Skkim		1	-
28	Tamil Nadu	3	1	25
29	Tripura	1	1	-
30	Uttar Pradesh	36	1	50
31	Uttaranchal	4		9
32	West Bengal	9	1	17
	ALL INDIA	196	30	366

Loan to farmers

2176. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers benefited from loans disbursed in rural areas by the banks during the last three years;

(b) whether the number of farmers benefited from loans is less than the target set therefor; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) The agency-wise details of the number of accounts/borrowing members to whom loans have been disbursed during the last three years, as reported by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) are given below:

(No. in thousands)

Year	No. of accounts/No. of borrowers		
	Cooperative Rural Banks	Regional Banks	Commercial Banks
1999-2000	5793.50	47006.00	1914.05
2000-2001	5841.30	60756.00	1570.59
2001-02	N.A.	59881.00	2393.25

(b) and (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that no target has been prescribed in this regard. However, Public Sector Banks are required to meet a target of 18% of net bank credit for lending to agriculture.

Loan related problems of farmers

† 2177. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Sector Banks have any proposal for disposal of loan related problems of farmers by making intensified contact with them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether notices have been issued to all public sector banks regarding settlement of loans; and

(d) by when the loan of farmers is likely to be settled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the loan related problems between the borrowers and their bankers are generally sought to be disposed of by mutual contact and communication.

(c) and (d) Government has announced in June, 2004 a package of relief for the farmers which among others envisages One-Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme for small and marginal farmers, who have been declared

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.